

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Applicant : | Jeffry B. Skiba | Art Unit : | 3731 |
| Serial No. : | 10/807,396 | Examiner : | Julian W. Woo |
| Filed : | March 24, 2004 | Conf. No. : | 3326 |
| Title : | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUTURING | | |

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the action mailed February 27, 2007, applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-36 and 51-56) directed to a suturing device. Additionally, applicant elects species 1 of Group I. It is believed that claims 1-9, 12, 13, 16-18, 21, and 22 read on the design of Fig. 1 and that claims 1, 2, and 9 are generic.

Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 27, 2007

/Diana DiBerardino/

Diana DiBerardino
Reg. No. 45,653

Fish & Richardson P.C.
1425 K Street, N.W.
11th Floor
Washington, DC 20005-3500
Telephone: (202) 783-5070
Facsimile: (202) 783-2331